

## **MINUTES**

### **HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON CERTIFICATE OF NEED AND RELATED HOSPITAL ISSUES**

**Thursday, October 25, 2012**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Room 544, LOB**

The House Select Committee on Certificate of Need and Related Hospital Issues met on Thursday, October 25, 2012 in Room 544, LOB at 1:00 p.m. Representatives Avila, Hollo, Steen, and Torbett were present.

Representative Steen presided.

Noah Huffstetler, Partner, Nelson Mullins gave a presentation on North Carolina Certificate of Need Law in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Revisited. (Please see presentation attached and on committee web site.)

Question from committee member Representative Torbett requested that the ethics rules for the State Health Care Council be revised possibly to the same standards as MPO's and TAC's and that the structure of how the members are appointed is changed.

Dave French, MBA, MHA, President, Strategic Healthcare Consultants gave a presentation on Cost Savings and Justification for Changes to CON Law to Allow Single-Specialty Ambulatory Surgery Centers. (Please see attached and on committee web site.)

Questions from committee members Representatives Avila, Hollo, and Steen regarding projection of how many, impact to existing hospitals, reimbursements, hospital/doctor partnership, provide all data for applications dealing with charity care and if projections were lived up to, diagnostics versus surgery and the unintended consequences, progress in hospital's sake of not undermining them and not create a monster, surgeons in ambulatory surgery centers having coverage in emergency room with a transfer in place.

Hugh Tilson, Senior Vice President, North Carolina Hospital Association gave a presentation on Ambulatory Surgery and Certificate of Need: A Hospital Perspective. (Please see attached and on committee web site.)

There was a question from committee member Representative Steen regarding suggestions for modification.

Representative Steen advised the members of the next two meetings and that the next meeting would be to start developing a consensus of the final report.

Representative Steen adjourned the meeting.

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Representative Fred Steen, Co-Chair Presiding  
Clerk

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Representative John Torbett, Co-Chair